



Indiana Agriculture Report

USDA to Take the Economic Pulse of U.S. Agriculture

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will spend the next several months gathering production practices information from farmers and ranchers across the nation through the Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS). The results of this survey will serve as a baseline for numerous federal policies and programs that affect U.S. farms and farm families.

"It is hard to overestimate the impact the responses to ARMS can have since this survey is the primary tool for federal, state, and local government representatives and all major farm sector stakeholders to gauge the financial condition of American farms and ranches," said Jay Johnson, director of the NASS Great Lakes Regional Field Office. "By responding, farmers in the Great Lakes Region (Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio) can ensure that they are accurately represented when it comes to decision-making."

NASS conducts ARMS jointly with USDA's Economic Research Service. In an effort to obtain the most accurate

data, the federal agencies will reach out to nearly 34,000 producers nationwide, including approximately 1,700 in Indiana, 500 in Michigan, and 500 in Ohio, between January and April. The survey asks producers to provide data on their operating expenditures, production costs and household characteristics.

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. NASS safeguards the confidentiality of all responses, ensuring no individual respondent or operation can be identified.

The economic data gathered in ARMS will be published in the annual *Farm Production Expenditures* report on August 1, 2014. All NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, please call the Great Lakes Regional Field Office at (800) 453-7501.

USDA March Hog Report Coming

Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus (PEDv) has affected the United States hog herd and is a serious problem that has been diagnosed in over 3,000 cases across the country. Hog producers are the only source for information about the condition of the industry.

In early March, USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will contact hog producers and contractors nationwide for the quarterly Hogs and Pigs survey. The agency will survey pork producers for detailed information on market hog and breeding stock inventories, as well as, farrowing intentions.

Hog producers who receive a questionnaire in the mail are asked respond via the Internet, mail, or fax as soon as possible.

Hog producers selected for the survey that do not report by February 28 will be contacted to arrange a telephone or personal interview. To respect bio-security measures in effect across the country, USDA data collectors will contact producers by phone before attempting to visit farms to collect information for the report.

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Survey results will be published in NASS' quarterly Hogs and Pigs report issued on March 28, 2014.

2014 Release Schedule for 2013 County Estimates

Commodity	Anticipated Release Date
Oats	December 12, 2013
Winter Wheat	December 12, 2013
Corn for Grain	February 20, 2014
Soybeans	February 20, 2014
Dry Edible Beans	April 24, 2014
Sugar Beets	July 17, 2014
Cattle & Calves	TBD
Cash Rents	September 5, 2014

Indiana Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves in Indiana as of January 1, 2014 were 870 thousand head, an increase of 7 percent from last year, according to Greg Matli, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office. Indiana highlights from the January 1 report follow:

- Beef cow numbers increased 1 percent to 192,000. Beef

replacement heifers decreased 5 percent to 39,000 head.

- Milk cows increased 2 percent to 178,000 head. Heifers for milk cow replacement increased 25 percent to 70,000 head.
- The 2013 calf crop was 330,000 head, unchanged from 2012.

Cattle Inventory, January 1, 2013-14

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
All cattle and calves	810	870	89,300	87,730
Cows	365	370	38,515	38,251
Beef	191	192	29,297	29,042
Milk	174	178	9,218	9,209
Replacement heifers	145	165	19,135	18,751
Beef	41	39	5,381	5,471
Milk	56	70	4,551	4,539
Other	48	56	9,203	8,741
Steers 500 pounds and over	91	108	15,813	15,415
Bulls 500 pounds and over	19	17	2,056	2,035
Calves under 500 pounds	190	210	13,782	13,278
Cattle on feed	100	110	13,364	12,695

January Agricultural Prices

Prices received by Indiana farmers for the full month of December 2013 and mid-month prices as of January 15, 2014 are listed in the table below.

Some Indiana highlights were: January corn, at \$4.40 per bushel, is up \$0.04 from December and down \$2.86 from last year; January soybeans, at \$13.20 per bushel, are up \$0.10 from last month and down \$1.40 from last year; January wheat, at \$5.90 per bushel, is down \$0.34 from December and down \$2.22 from last year; January milk, at \$23.30 per cwt., is up \$0.70 from last month, and up \$2.80 from last year.

Prices Received by Farmers, January 2014

Commodity	Indiana			United States		
	Jan 2013 ¹	Dec 2013 ¹	Preliminary Jan 2014 ²	Jan 2013 ¹	Dec 2013 ¹	Preliminary Jan 2014 ²
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Corn dollars/bu	7.26	4.36	4.40	6.96	4.41	4.37
Soybeans dollars/bu	14.60	13.10	13.20	14.30	13.00	13.00
Wheat, winter dollars/bu	8.12	6.24	5.90	8.01	6.84	6.29
Milk, all dollars/cwt	20.50	22.60	23.30	19.90	22.00	23.20

¹ Entire month weighted average price.

² Mid-month price.

Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Indiana on January 1, 2014, was estimated at 50,000 head, a decrease of 9.1 percent from 2013, according to Greg Matli, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office. The breeding sheep inventory, at 43,000 head, was down 5,000 from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 7,000 head, unchanged from last year. The 2013 Indiana lamb crop was 44,000 head, down 3,000 from the previous year.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn in Indiana, 36,000 head, was down 5,000 from the previous year. Indiana shorn wool production in 2013 was 220,000 pounds, down 12 percent from 2012. The average price paid for wool in Indiana was \$0.82 per pound, an increase of 15 cents from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$180,000, 7 percent above the 2012 value.

As of January 1, there were 11,800 milk goats in Indiana, down 900 from a year earlier. The Indiana meat and other goat inventory was 31,400 head, 2,400 above the January 1, 2013, count.

Sheep Inventory, January 1, 2013-14

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
All sheep and lambs	55	50	5,335	5,210
Breeding sheep and lambs	48	43	3,975	3,880
Ewes	37	34	3,140	3,070
Rams	3	3	175	175
Replacement lambs	8	6	660	635
Total market sheep and lambs	7	7	1,360	1,330
Previous year's lamb crop	47	44	3,450	3,370

Goat Inventory, January 1, 2013-14

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
Angora	(¹)	(¹)	136	131
Milk	12.7	11.8	360	355
Meat and other	29.0	31.4	2,315	2,275

¹ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

December Milk Production

Dairy herds in Indiana produced 324 million pounds of milk during December, up 2.2 percent from a year ago, according to Greg Matli, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office. The daily rate per cow was 58.7 pounds, the same as December 2012. The dairy herd was estimated at 178,000 head for December, up 4,000 from a year earlier.

Indiana Dairy Summary, December 2013

Item	2011	2012	2013
Cows 1,000 Hd	174	174	178
Milk per cow Lb/day	56.6	58.7	58.7
Production Mil lbs	305	317	324
Milk price, all Dol/cwt	20.40	21.50	22.60
Fat test Pct	3.81	3.83	3.88
Protein ¹ Pct	3.17	3.15	3.21

¹ FMO 33

Chickens and Eggs

Egg and Hatchery Production, December 2013

Item	Unit	2012	2013	Percent change
Indiana				
All layers	Thou	26,246	27,516	5
Eggs per hundred layers	Num	2,336	2,399	3
Eggs produced	Mil	613	660	8
East North Central Region				
Eggs in incubators, Jan 1				
Egg-type	Thou	7,185	5,894	-18
Broiler type	Thou	12,066	13,851	15
U.S.				
All Layers	Thou	344,641	350,568	2
Eggs per hundred layers	Num	2,347	2,353	0
Eggs produced	Mil	8,090	8,248	2
Turkey Eggs in incubators, Jan 1	Thou	27,887	26,892	-4
Turkey Poults hatched, Dec	Thou	22,020	21,934	0

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